IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Daisuke SHIBA et al. Conf.: UNKNOWN

Appl. No.: NEW Group: UNKNOWN

Filed: April 22, 2004 Examiner: UNKNOWN

For: POWDER DISPERSANT FOR HYDRAULIC COMPOSITIONS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 22, 2004

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.